

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-7. (Canceled).

8. (New) A sheathed-element glow plug for an internal combustion engine, comprising:

a plug housing;

a connection part for the electrical current which is situated on the plug housing;

a tube having an embedded heating element, the connection part and the heating element being electrically coupled via a terminal pin and a contact element;

wherein the terminal pin and the contact element are at least partially surrounded within the housing by an electrically insulating plastic sleeve, the contact element having a cylindrical shape, and

wherein a sheathing of the contact element is completely surrounded by the plastic sleeve.

9. (New) The sheathed-element glow plug of claim 8, wherein the plastic sleeve is a clamping sleeve.

10. (New) The sheathed-element glow plug of claim 8, wherein the plastic sleeve has elastic properties.

11. (New) The sheathed-element glow plug of claim 8, wherein the plastic sleeve is formed from a plurality of pieces.

12. (New) The sheathed-element glow plug of claim 8, wherein the contact element is elastic.

13. (New) The sheathed-element glow plug of claim 8, wherein the contact element is a graphite tablet.